

Friday, September 22, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Military Construction and Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Reports.

Senate passed D.C. Appropriations, 1996.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14107–S14146

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1266–1269. **Page S14132**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996”. (S. Rept. No. 104–146)

S. 1267, to amend the Congressional Award Act to revise and extend authorities for the Congressional Award Board. (S. Rept. No. 104–147) **Page S14132**

Measures Passed:

District of Columbia Appropriations, 1996: Senate passed S. 1244, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, after agreeing to committee amendments, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S14118–28**

Adopted:

(1) By 88 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 462), Byrd Amendment No. 2768, to establish a uniform dress code for the District of Columbia Public Schools, and require community service for suspended students. **Pages S14120–22, S14127–28**

(2) Byrd Amendment No. 2769 (to Amendment No. 2768), to limit the amendment to 2 school years in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the amendment. **Pages S14121–22, S14126**

(3) Inhofe Amendment No. 2771, to prohibit the use of funds for the renovation of property commonly known as the Eastern Market. **Pages S14122–23**

(4) Jeffords Amendment No. 2772, to make a technical correction. **Page S14123**

(5) Kohl/Jeffords Amendment No. 2773, of a technical change to the membership provisions of the Commission on Consensus Reform in the District of Columbia Public Schools. **Page S14123**

(6) Kohl (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2774, to reduce the energy costs of Federal facilities for which funds are made available under this Act. **Pages S14123–24**

(7) Boxer Amendment No. 2775, to provide that Members of Congress and the President shall not be paid during Federal Government shutdowns. **Page S14124**

Rejected:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2770, to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Finance and the Senate should approve no tax legislation which reduces taxes for those making over \$101,000 per year, and the savings from limiting any tax reductions in this way should be used to reduce any cuts in projected Medicare spending. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 460), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S14122, S14125–26**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1244, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the House bill, as amended, be passed, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, and that S. 1244 be indefinitely postponed. **Page S14128**

Military Construction Appropriations, 1996 Conference Report: By 86 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 459), Senate passed the conference report on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14107–14**

Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1996 Conference Report: By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 461), Senate passed the conference report on H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S14114–18, S14127

National Highway System Designation Act—Conferees: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 440, to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Warner, Chafee, Smith, Kempthorne, Baucus, Moynihan, and Reid; and from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation solely for matters within the committee's jurisdiction: Senators Pressler, Lott, and Hollings.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eric James Boswell, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Anthony Cecil Eden Quainton, of the District of Columbia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S14146**

Communications: **Page S14131**

Petitions: **Pages S14131–32**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S14134–35**

Authority for Committees: **Page S14135**

Additional Statements: **Pages S14135–44**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—462) **Pages S14114, S14126, S14127, S14127–28**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:57 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 25, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S14144.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's conduct of monetary policy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

RUBY RIDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information continued hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from William Sessions, former Director, and Robert E. Walsh, Special Agent in Charge (San Diego, California), and former Inspector, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, George Terwilliger, former Deputy Attorney General, and Barbara B. Berman, former Assistant Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, all of the Department of Justice.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, September 26.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee began their review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet next at noon on Monday, September 25.

Committee Meetings

TRANSPORTATION OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Ordered transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Omnibus Budget Reconciliation "Transformation of the Medicaid Program."

SAVING MEDICARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Saving Medicare. Testimony was heard from Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; Stuart H. Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Roland E. King, former Chief Actuary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Constitution to examine the status and future of affirmative action, focusing on minority contracting, after receiving testimony from John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; George LaNoue, University of Maryland, Baltimore; Michael Carvin, Shaw, Pittman, Georgina Verdugo, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, and Tony Robinson, Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense Fund, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas Stewart, Spokane, Washington; and Leon Goldstein, Atlanta, Georgia.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees continued in closed evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 25 through 30, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider H.R. 2099, VA/ HUD Appropriations, 1996.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to consider:

H.R. 2127, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, 1996;

H.R. 2076, Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary Appropriations, 1996; Conference reports, when available; and

Any cleared legislative and executive business.

(*Senate will recess on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.*)

Senate Committees

(*Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated*)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 27, business meeting, to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the Congressional Budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 9 a.m., SR-332.

September 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the use of ethanol's impact on clean air and the farm economy, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 27, business meeting, to mark up S. 650, to increase the amount of credit available to fuel local, regional, and national economic growth by reducing the regulatory burden imposed upon financial institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to reform public housing and tenant based section 8 assistance, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 26, business meeting, to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 27, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on S. 1239, to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the regulation of interstate transportation by common carriers engaged in civil aviation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 28, to hold hearings on the nominations of Derrick L.

Forrister, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs), Patricia J. Beneke, of Iowa, to be Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Eluid Levi Martinez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, and Charles William Burton, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 27, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kathleen A. McGinty, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 26, business meeting, to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 9 a.m., SH-216.

September 27 and 28, Full Committee, business meeting, to continue to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 26, to hold hearings on the nominations of James A. Joseph, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, and Charles H. Twining, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

September 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Joan M. Plaisted, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, and Don Lee Gevirtz, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Tonga, and Ambassador to Tuvalu, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 28, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine non-immigrant immigration issues, 1:30 p.m., SD-106.

September 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine religious liberty in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: September 26, business meeting, to resume their review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 9 a.m., SD-430.

September 27, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1180, to amend title XIX of the Public

Health Service Act to provide for health performance partnerships, and S. 1221, to authorize appropriations for the Legal Services Corporation Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 27, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

Monday, No legislative business is scheduled.

Tuesday, House not in session.

Wednesday and the balance of the week, Consideration of H.R. 743, Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act of 1995 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate);

H.R. 1170, Three-Judge Court Review for State-Wide Reference Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate);

H.R. 1601, International Space Station Authorization Act of 1995 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate);

H.R. , District of Columbia Appropriations Act fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted); and

H.R. , Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted).

NOTE.—Conference reports may be brought up at any time. Any further program may be brought up at any time.

House Committees

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, September 27 and 28, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearings on the Federal Home Loan Bank System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to mark up the Thrift Charter Convergence Act of 1995, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 29, hearing on the proposed United States Housing Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, September 27, to continue consideration of Budget Reconciliation issues, time to be announced, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, September 27, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on National Labor Relations Board Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 28, full Committee, to mark up instructions contained in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, September 28, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2326, Health Care Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act of 1995; and H.R. 1850, Health Care Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory, hearing on Taxpayer-funded Political Advocacy, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 27, to mark up the Committee's Response to the House's Reconciliation Instructions, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 28, hearing on Terrorism in Latin America/AMIA Bombing in Argentina, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Bosnian Refugees, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 27, to continue mark up of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1241, DNA Identification Grants Improvement Act; H.R. 1533, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison; H.R. 1552, False Identification Act of 1995; H.R. 2359, to clarify the method of execution of Federal prisoners; and H.R. 2360, to amend title 18, United States Code, to permit Federal prisoners to engage in community service projects, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

September 29, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 497, National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 27, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-440), 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 194, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make matching contributions toward the purchase of the Sterling Forest in the State of New York; H.R. 1256, Sterling Forest Protection Act of 1995; and the Snow Basin Land Exchange Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, September 27, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on the Space Shuttle in Transition: Keeping Safety Paramount, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Impact of Government Regulatory, Tax and Legal Policy on Technology Development and Competitiveness, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 28, hearing on SBA's Venture Capital Programs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 28, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 2276, Federal Aviation Administration Revitalization Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 27, Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, hearing on illegal activities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 27, 28 and 29, to mark up the Medicare Preservation Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will consider H.R. 2099, VA/HUD Appropriations, 1996.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business is scheduled.



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